

REMARKS

In light of the above amendatory matter and remarks to follow, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 8-14, 21, 22, 26, 30-34, 41, 48, 55-59, 66, 67, 74, 81, 85, 88, 91, 94, 101, 104 and 108 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,647,548 (“Lu”). Claims 2, 5-7, 15-20, 27-29, 35-40, 42-47, 49, 52-54, 60-65, 68-73, 75-80, 82, 86, 87, 89, 90, 92, 93, 95, 99, 100, 102, 103, 105, 109 and 110 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lu.

To clarify the present invention, each of the independent claims has been amended in one form or another to change recitation of detecting the ancillary codes based on the data set (at the remotely located processing system) to “processing the data set to detect the ancillary codes.” Thus, the processing system that is remote from, for example, the monitoring device receives a data set that is sufficient to decode the ancillary codes in the media data and then processes the data set to detect the ancillary codes. The data set was formed at, for example, the monitoring device from some, but not all, of the received media data. The cited Lu patent discloses that at the monitoring site (i.e., the user’s home), the media data is fully processed and ancillary codes therein are completely extracted. These ancillary codes then are communicated to the remote processing site for further handling. Thus, Lu does not disclose multiple limitations recited in the various independent claims. In particular, Lu does not form a data set at the monitoring site in the manner recited in the present application. Lu also does receive such a data set at the remote processing site. Lu further does not process such a data set to detect the ancillary codes. Instead, all of such processing in Lu occurs completely at the monitoring site.

In view of the foregoing, claims 1, 2, 5-23, 26-49, 52-82, 85-95, 99-105 and 108-110 are neither anticipated nor obvious in view of Lu. It is requested that the rejection of these claims be withdrawn.

Claims 3, 4, 24, 25, 50, 51, 83, 84, 96, 97, 98, 106 and 107 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were deemed to be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Since these claims depend from claims that are believed to be patentable over the cite art, the allowance of such claims is solicited.

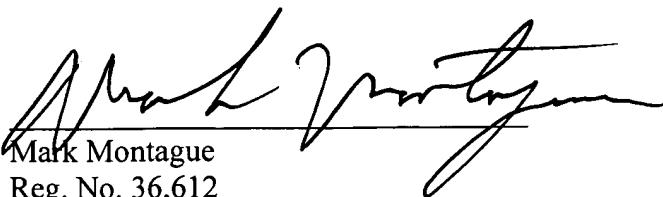
New claims 111-126 are presented. Support for these is set forth in Figure 3 of the drawings and the accompanying description in the specification, and various new dependent claims are similar to existing dependent claims. The allowance of claims 111-126 is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing discussion, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

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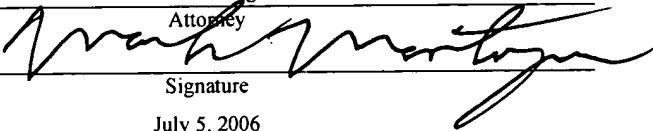


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